Name of Minerals	Name of Mining Lease holder
	Smt. D.K. Bai Pandya
	Sun Alloys and Minerals
	Tarini Minerals
	Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd.
Pyrophyllite	Banwari Lal Newatia
	Keonjhar Minerals (P) Ltd.
	Sanjay Pratap
Quartzite	B.D. Patnaik
	Dinesh Chandra Das
	Drupadachandra Dagara
	Indian Metals and Carbide Ltd.
	K.U. Raghua Rao
	N.C. Dass
Steatite	Jhana Ranjan Tripathy
	Kamalendu Kumar Das
	Prabhas Chandra Agarwal
	Shiv Dutt Sharma

Coal Importing Industries

†2432. SHRI RAJIV SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the coal is being imported for certain industries of the country due to non-availability of domestic coal;

(b) if so, the details of these industries; and

(c) the reasons for not making available the coal as per their requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The import of coal is under OGL (Open General License) and customers can import coal freely. Coal India Ltd. does not import coal.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Integrated Steel plants and pig-iron manufacturers import low ash coking coal or metallurgical coke which is not available indigenously. Certain sponge iron plants, power plants and cement plants particularly located near coastal regions also import non-coking coal on cost considerations, as well as due to inadequate availability of such coals indigenously.

Discouraging Non-Ferrous metal companies from taking up captive mining

2433. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to discourage companies providing non-ferrous metals from taking up captive mining;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to undertake fiscal reform in the interest of developing mineral industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures adopted by Government to sort out the resistance from local villagers and NGO's who are against reckless mining?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Government has not specified any policy to discourage companies from taking up capitave mining as an economic decision of the company concerned. However, the matter was discussed in the recently held Tripartite meeting of the Central Government, State Government and the Investors in the mining sector, and a view has been expressed that mining needs to be recognised as a specialised activity and an industry in its own right without any requirement to be a captive source of raw material only to an identified end user.

(c) and (d) The Department of Mines had set up a Multi-Disciplinary Committee to examine the taxation regime for mineral sector and to suggest appropriate tax structure conducive to rapid